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SUBJ: FOURTH LCY CONFERENCE OPENS

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1. SUMMARY: PRO FORMA ENDORSEMENT OF 1972-73 TRENDS EXPECTED FROM FOURTH LCY CONFERENCE. PRESS REPORTS (A) TITO WILL NOT ATTEND AND (B) REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADERS ALREADY AGREED THAT DOLANC SHOULD BE RE- ELECTED SECRETARY OF LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU. END SUMMARY.

2. FOURTH LCY CONFERENCE OPENED MAY 10 IN BELGRADE. TWO- DAY SESSION IS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL A 67- PAGE REPORT ON LC' S WORK BETWEEN SECOND AND FOURTH CONFERENCES AS WELL AS REPORTS ON PARTY STATUTES AND ON FINANCES. DOLANC IS TO READ THESE REPORTS TO THE 418 DELEGATES AND GUESTS.

3. PRESIDENT TITO WILL NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE, ACCORDING MAY 10 PRESS, BUT WILL CONTINUE HIS REST IN SLOVENIA. TANJUG REPORT STRESSES THAT HIGH LEVEL OF UNITY ALREADY ACHIEVED IN ALL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS (PARTICULARLY SINCE DESPATCH OF TITO/ EXECUTIVE BUREAU LETTER), PARTY READY FOR ACTION, AND NO NEED FOR TITO TO INTERRUPT VACATION.

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4. TANJUG ALSO REFERS TO AGREEMENT HAVING BEEN REACHED BY REPUBLIC PARTY LEADERSHIPS IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE THAT LCY PRESIDIUM SHOULD RE- ELECT DOLANC TO POST OF SECRETARY OF EXECUTIVE BUREAU (TERM PRESUMABLY TO RUN UNTIL TENTH CONGRESS, SCHEDULED FOR SPRING 1974).

5. COMMENT: RELATIVE LACK OF PUBLICITY BUILD- UP FOR THIS MEETING HAS REINFORCED OUR IMPRESSION THAT MAJOR REASON FOR HAVING CONFERENCE IS PRO- FORMA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDING FOUR CONFERENCES IN PERIOD BETWEEN CONGRESSES (REFTEL). WHILE IT IS TRUE TITO HAS CONSISTENTLY ATTENDED PARTY CONFERENCE IN PAST, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT HE SHOULD PASS UP CURRENT ONE WHICH IS BOUND TO BE ROUTINE- MORE IMPORTANT THAT HE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW MEDICAL ADVICE TO CURTAIL ACTIVITIES THAN TO TAKE PART IN WHAT IS IN GOOD PROSPECT OF BEING A NON- EVENT. TITO WAS IN FACT QUITE ACTIVE DURING RECENT 4- DAY VISIT OF POLISH PARTY CHIEF GIEREK IN SLOVENIA (BELGRADE 2016).

6. REPORTED REPUBLIC PARTY CHIEFS' " AGREEMENT" ON CONTINUING DOLANC IN IMPORTANT SECRETARY POSITION APPEARS CONTRIVED TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE SPECULATION ABROAD, AS FOURTH CONFERENCE GETS UNDERWAY, THAT ANY OTHER CANDIDATE FOR THAT JOB IS BEING CONSIDERED. IT ALSO ADDS TO ASPECT OF PARTY UNITY MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH MAKES TITO PRESENCE UNNECESSARY.
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